Roseburg District BLM Planning Update



Fall 2003

Dear Citizen:

The Planning Update is published to provide current information about specific projects and future events planned on the Roseburg District of the Bureau of Land Management. Please send written comments, including the specific project and field office name, to 777 N.W. Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, Oregon 97470, during the public comment period. If you wish to save paper and postage, and you have access to the internet, you can find the Planning Update at www.or.blm.gov/roseburg.

Please remember to ask us to remove your name from our mailing list if you no longer wish to receive the Planning Update. For your convenience, you can also find a copy of the Planning Update at the Douglas County Library. Your comments and concerns are welcome and may influence the final decision on these projects.

Thank you for your continued interest.

Sincerely,

Cary A. Osterhaus District Manager

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Non-Discretionary Actions Under Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreements

There are 140 individual agreements and easements that were executed prior to implementation of the Roseburg District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP) (p. 71). These agreements are subject to regulations in effect at the time they were executed or assigned. Discretion on the part of the BLM to object to road construction is limited to one environmental reason - excessive erosion damage.

South River Field Office

- Seneca Jones Timber Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-656 2,600 feet of Permittee Road Improvements in Section 13, T. 30 S., R. 3 W., W.M.
- Roseburg Resources Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851
 1,105 feet of Permittee Road Construction in Section 15, T. 29 S., R. 9 W., W.M.
- Seneca Jones Timber Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-656 2,677 feet of Permittee Road Construction in Sections 27 and 33, T. 29 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

Swiftwater Field Office

- Roseburg Resources Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-735, 286 feet of Permittee Road Construction in Section 24, T. 24 S., R. 7 W., W.M.
- Roseburg Resources Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-771, 1145 feet of Permittee Road Construction and improvement of BLM Rd. No. 24-6-30.1 in Section 24, T. 24 S., R. 7 W., W.M.
- Lone Rock Timber Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-767 1306 feet of Permittee Road Construction/Reconstruction in Section 25, T. 25 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

Categorical Exclusions

This is a category of actions that federal agencies have determined not to significantly affect the human environment, individually or cumulatively. Neither an EA nor an EIS is required (40 CFR 1508.4).

South River Field Office

- **Special Forest Products** Authorization for the sale of special forest products in the South River Resource Area for fiscal years 2003-2008. (OR-105-03-17)
- **Silviculture** Pre-commercial thinning of 1,390 acres of early-seral forest stands. (OR-105-03-27)
- **Access** Issuance of a temporary hauling permit to TreeSource Industries, Inc. for the use of BLM roads for the hauling of logs from private lands. (OR-105-03-29)
- **Timber Salvage** Salvage of windthrown and hazard trees within 400 feet of roads in the Matrix allocations, and from within road prisms in Late-Successional Reserves. There is no salvage from within Riparian Reserves. (OR-105-03-26)

Swiftwater Field Office

- **Precommercial Thinning by Girdling** This performs a thinning of the Kelly Cr. (25-3-23) and Sand Cr. (21-5-3) Outplanting Sites through girdling of selected trees. (OR-104-03-19)
- Outplanting Site Pruning This performs a pruning of selected trees within the Yellow Creek Jct. (24-6-9) and Broken Leg (25-7-27) Outplanting Sites. (OR-104-03-20)
- Amendment No. 7 to Reciprocal Right-of-Way R-735 This amendment adds lands in RRWA R-1022A into R-735 thereby superceding R-1022A. The proposal also adds existing BLM roads to connect the two agreement areas. (OR-104-03-21)
- **Honey Creek Rock Quarry use** Allows use of quarry site by Roseburg Resources to remove 2500 cu. yds. of rock. (OR-104-03-22)
- Sutherlin Creek Culvert Replacement Replaces a stream crossing culvert on Road No. 25-5-24.2. (OR-104-03-23)
- Bruce Standley Construction Haul Road Use Authorizes use on Road No. 27-3-12.0. (OR-105-03-24)
- **Precommercial Thinning and Manual Release A**uthorizes 1540 acres of treatment. (OR-104-03-25)
- Roseburg Resources Thunder Mountain Quarry Use Authorized use of quarry in T. 26 S., R. 2 W., Sec. 29 to remove approximately 15,000 cu. yds. of rock to be crushed on site. (OR-104-03-28)
- **B.C. Logging Temporary R/W Permit R-1441** Authorizes haul on Roads No. 22-4-28.0 and 22-4-27.1. (OR-104-03-30)
- **Douglas County Helicopter Landing Use** Authorizes use of landings on the Roads No. 25-4-19.1 and 25-4-19.4 for helicopter landings to spray County owned lands in T. 25 S., R. 4 W., Sec. 28. (OR-104-03-31)

New Projects

South River Field Office

No new projects this quarter.

Swiftwater Field Office

No new projects were initiated during the past quarter.

Status of Previous Planning Update Action Items

South River Field Office

LSR Wildlife Habitat Restoration Project

Description: This project was previously noted in the Summer 2003 Planning Update, but was unnamed at the time. The project would apply density management to early and mid-seral forest stands for the purpose of accelerating the development of late-successional forest habitat conditions in the South Umpqua River/Galesville Late-Successional Reserve.

Location: Upper Shively Oshea 6th-field subwatershed in the South Umpqua River 5th-field watershed in T.31S., R.3W., Section 7 and T.31S., R.4W., Sections 11, 12, 13, 15 and 23.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment. **Public Review:** Unknown at this time. **Decision Date:** Unknown at this time.

N. Olalla-Lookingglass Watershed Level Project Plan

Description: This project was first identified in the Summer 1999 Planning Update and was later deferred in the Summer 2001 Planning Update. At this time, analysis is being resumed. The project proposes regeneration harvest of approximately 412 acres within the Matrix, estimated to yield 12,900 mbf of timber equivalent to approximately 16,400 hundred cubic feet.

Location: Lower Tenmile, Shields and Lookingglass 6th-field subwatersheds in the Olalla-Lookingglass 5th-field watershed. Timber sale units are proposed in T. 28 S., R. 7 W., Sections 8 and 9; T. 28 S., R. 8 W., Sections 21, 25 and 35; and T. 29 S., R. 8 W., Section 3.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment. Public Review: Unknown at this time. Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

Middle South Umpqua/Olalla-Lookingglass Watershed Level Plan

Description: This project first appeared in the Summer 1999 Planning Update and was later deferred in the Summer 2001 Planning Update. At this time, analysis is being resumed. The project proposes regeneration harvest of approximately 530 acres within the Matrix, estimated to yield 15,700 MBF of timber equivalent to approximately 25,200 hundred cubic feet

Location: Kent/Rice, Willis-Vandine and Lane-Judd 6th-field subwatersheds in the Middle South Umpqua River/Rice Creek 5th-field watershed, and the Middle Olalla and Thompson Creek 6th-field subwatersheds in the Olalla Creek/Lookingglass 5th-field watershed. Timber sale units are proposed in T. 29 S., R. 6 W., Sections 28 and 29; T. 29 S., R. 7 W., Sections 13, 23 and 33; T. 29½ S., R. 7 W., Section 33; and T. 30 S., R. 6 W., Sections 5, 7 and 11.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment. **Public Review:** Unknown at this time. **Decision Date:** Unknown at this time.

Can-Can Watershed Level Project Plan

Description: This project first appeared in the Fall 1998 Planning Update and was later deferred in the Summer 2001 Planning Update. At this time, analysis is being resumed. The project proposes regeneration harvest of approximately 489 acres within the Matrix, estimated to yield 14,000 mbf of timber equivalent to approximately 22,000 hundred cubic feet.

Location: Shively-O'Shea, Lane-Judd and Canyon Creek 6th-field subwatersheds within the South Umpqua 5th-field watershed. Timber sale units are proposed in T. 30 S., R. 4 W., Section 5; T. 30 S., R. 5 W., Sections 9, 10, 11 and 15; T. 31 S., R. 5 W., Sections 23 and 26; and T. 30 S., R. 6 W., Sections 13 and 25.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment. Public Review: Unknown at this time. Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

Ben Irving Trail

This project was conceived as a loop trail above the high-water mark around the Ben Irving Reservoir. It was discovered that portions of the trail would need to be located on lands not under the jurisdiction of the BLM or Douglas County Parks Department. Legal access to the needed private land parcels could not be obtained, so the proposal was tabled and will not be carried forward here.

Martin Creek Instream Restoration

Description: The project proposes the placement of instream structures along a 2-mile stretch of Martin Creek, where it passes through lands owned by Roseburg Resources Company, and lands managed by the BLM. The structures would consist of multiple logs and/or boulders, designed to aggrade the stream channel and provide pool habitat for resident and anadromous fish, and other aquatic organisms. The project would also replace a stream-crossing culvert on BLM Road No. 32-7-1.2 that blocks access by fish to approximately one mile of habitat in a side tributary of Martin Creek.

Location: T. 31 S., R. 7 W., Section 35, and T. 32 S., R. 7 W., Sections 1 and 2.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Complete.

Public Review: Completed May 15, 2003. **Decision Date:** Anticipated in March of 2005.

Commercial Thinning 2003

Description: Commercial thinning and density management of 520 acres of forest stands allocated to Matrix and Riparian Reserves.

Location: Middle Olalla 6th-field subwatershed in the Olalla Creek/Lookingglass 5th-field watershed; Days Creek 6th-field subwatershed in the South Umpqua 5th-field watershed; and Upper South Myrtle 6th-field subwatershed in the Myrtle Creek 5th-field watershed. Proposed units would be located in T. 29 S., R. 7 W., Section 31; T. 29¹/₂ S., R. 7 W., Section 31; T. 29 S., R. 3 W., Sections 23, 25 and 35; T. 28 S., R. 2 W., Sections 31 and 32; T. 28 S., R. 3 W., Sections 35 and 36; and T. 29S., R. 2W., Sections 5 and 6.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Complete.

Public Review: Released for public review on August 1, 2003.

Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

Myrtle Creek Watershed Restoration

Description: An assessment of the environmental consequences of watershed restoration projects that would include the replacement of stream-crossing culverts that are at risk of failure and/or blocking passage to fish, road decommissioning, road upgrading, slide stabilization, and installation of in-stream structures to promote habitat complexity.

Location: Throughout the Myrtle Creek 5th Field Watershed.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment Complete.

Public Review: Completed on March 13, 2003. Final FONSI signed on March 14, 2003.

Decision Date: Decisions for the replacement of Lee Creek Culvert #4, Riser Creek Culvert, Tributary to N. Myrtle Creek Culvert, and the Slide Creek Instream Restoration project were issued in early April, 2003. Subsequent decisions in June, 2003, included replacement of Lee Creek Culverts #1 & #2, and Ben Branch Creek Culvert. Additional project decisions are anticipated in fiscal year 2004 and beyond.

South River Commercial Thinning 2002

Description: Commercial thinning and density management of approximately 490 acres of managed second-growth stands in GFMA and Riparian Reserves. The thinning sales are anticipated to yield approximately 6,250 mbf or 10,625 hundred cubic feet of chargeable volume from the Matrix allocations. Approximately 1,890 mbf of non-chargeable timber volume equivalent to 3,200 hundred cubic feet would be derived from density management within Riparian Reserves.

Location: Upper Middle Fork Coquille and Middle South Umpqua River/Rice Creek watershed analysis units. Proposed thinning units would be located in T. 29 S., R. 6 W., Sections 27, 33 and 35; T. 30 S., R. 6 W., Sections 3 and 9; T. 29 S., R. 7 W., Sections 25 and 35; Section 29 of T. 29 S., R. 8 W.; T. 29 S., R. 9 W., Section 13; and T. 30 S., R. 9 W., Sections 13 and 23.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment Complete.

Public Review: Completed on April 9, 2003.

Decision Date: Decisions for Boomerang and Rice Bowl Commercial Thinning Timber Sales were issued on July 29, 2003, for offering in August, 2003.

South River FY 2001 Regeneration Harvest Project Plan

Description: Regeneration harvest of approximately 640 acres allocated as GFMA and Connectivity/Diversity Blocks. The timber sales would be expected to yield approximately 14,900 mbf of timber equivalent to 26,900 hundred cubic feet.

Location: Lower South Umpqua River Watershed, South Umpqua River and Lower Cow Creek watersheds. Proposed timber sale units would be located in T. 27 S., R. 4 W., Sections 33 and 35; T. 28 S., R. 4 W., Sections 3, 5 and 10; T. 30 S., R. 4 W., Sections 3 and 4; T. 31 S., R. 6 W., Sections 27 and 33; and T. 32 S., R. 6 W., Section 3.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in progress.

Public Review: Unknown at this time. **Decision Date:** Unknown at this time.

Middle Fork Coquille Commercial Thinning 2001

Description: Commercial thinning and density management of approximately 1,000 acres of managed second-growth stands in GFMA, Connectivity/Diversity Block and Riparian Reserve land use allocations. The action is expected to result in 4 timber sales yielding approximately 6,000 mbf of timber equivalent to 10,200 hundred cubic feet.

Location: Middle Fork Coquille River watershed. Proposed thinning units would be located in T. 28 S. R. 8 W., Sections 29 and 31; T. 29 S., R. 8 W., Sections 31, 32, and 33; T. 30 S., R. 8 W., Sections 5 and 7; and T. 30 S., R. 9 W., Sec. 1, 2, and 3.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment Complete.

Public Review: Complete.

Decision Date: A Decision on Angel Hair Commercial Thinning, the first of multiple thinning projects was issued in January, 2003. Additional decisions anticipated in fiscal years 2004-2006.

South River Commercial Thinning 2000

Description: Commercial thinning and density management of approximately 300 acres of managed second-growth stands in GFMA and Riparian Reserves. The timber sales would be expected to yield approximately 5,590 CCF of timber.

Location: East Fork and Middle Fork Coquille River, South Umpqua River, and Middle South Umpqua River/Dumont Creek watersheds. Proposed timber sale units would be located in T. 28 S., R. 8 W., Section 19; T. 29 S., R. 3 W., Sections 13 and 24; T. 30 S., R. 3 W., Sections 3 and 4; T. 29 S., R. 2 W., Section 19; and T. 30 S., R. 2 W., Section 9.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment Complete.

Public Review: Complete.

Decision Date: A 34-acre commercial thinning, Hurricane Ruby, was authorized on August 27, 2001. The commercial thinning was offered and sold on September 25, 2001. Weaver Road commercial thinning, consisting of 136 acres, was authorized on October 30, 2001, and sold at auction on November 27, 2001. A third sale, which included Units L and M of the analysis, was sold on September 24, 2002. Leave It to Weaver Commercial Thinning was offered at auction on July 22, 2003. Three units, identified as E1, E2 and E4 have not yet been offered, but it is anticipated that they will be in the near future.

South Umpqua Connectivity Density Management

Description: Density management of approximately 140 acres allocated as Connectivity/Diversity Blocks and Riparian Reserves. The timber sales would be designed to accelerate the development of old-growth habitat and yield an estimated 2,040 CCF of timber.

Location: Deadman/Dompier and South Umpqua River watersheds. Proposed timber sale units would be located in T. 30 S., R. 2 W., Section 17 and T. 30 S., R. 3 W., Section 17.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment Complete.

Public Review: Complete.

Decision Date: The Bland Days Commercial Thinning Timber Sale was sold on September 24, 2002. The sale included Unit A from this analysis, totaling 56 acres. The remainder of the acres analyzed will comprise Bigfoot Density Management (DM). A decision to offer Bigfoot DM is planned for August 26, 2003.

Ragu Timber Sale

Description: Regeneration harvest of approximately 150 acres allocated as GFMA. The timber sale would be expected to yield approximately 6,208 CCF of timber.

Location: Berry Creek 6th-field subwatershed in the Olalla Creek/Lookingglass 5th-field watershed, and the Camas Valley 6th-field subwatershed in the Middle Fork Coquille River 5th-field watershed. Proposed timber sale units would be located in T. 29 S., R. 8 W., Sections 9, 21, 29, and 33; and T. 30 S., R. 8 W., Section 5.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment Complete.

Public Review: Complete.

Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

Dickerson Heights Timber Sale

Description: Regeneration harvest of approximately 180 acres allocated as GFMA and Connectivity/Diversity Blocks. The timber sale would be expected to yield approximately 5,500 MBF of timber equivalent to 8,800 hundred cubic feet.

Location: Middle Olalla 6th-field subwatershed of the Olalla Creek/Lookingglass 5th-field watershed. Proposed timber sale units would be located in T. 29 S., R. 7 W., Sections 3, 9, 11, and 15.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in progress.

Public Review: Unknown at this time. **Decision Date:** Unknown at this time.

Loose Laces Timber Sale

Description: Regeneration harvest of approximately 200 acres allocated as GFMA and Connectivity/Diversity Blocks. The timber sale would be expected to yield approximately 4,550 MBF of timber equivalent to 7,280 hundred cubic feet.

Location: Riddle 6th-field subwatershed of the Lower Cow Creek 5th-field watershed. Proposed timber sale units would be located in T. 31 S., R. 6 W., Sections 1, 3, 13 and 15.

Issue Identification: EA OR105-98-04 and FONSI withdrawn and replaced by EA OR105-99-14. Issue identification completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in progress.

Public Review: Unknown at this time. **Decision Date:** Unknown at this time.

Cow Catcher Timber Sale

Description: Regeneration harvest of approximately 190 acres of Matrix lands. The timber sale would be expected to yield approximately 3,700 MBF of timber equivalent to 5,920 hundred cubic feet.

Location: Riddle 6th-field subwatershed of the Lower Cow Creek 5th-field watershed. Proposed timber sale units are located in T. 31 S., R. 6 W., Sections 5, 7, 9, and 17.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in progress.

Public Review: Released for public review from June 17 to July 17, 2003.

Decision Date: A decision offering this sale at a September auction is planned for August 26, 2003.

Swiftwater Field Office

Summit Creek Blowdown

This project, located in Township 20 south, Range 6 west, section 26, would remove some blowdown logs from the Summit Creek blowdown (LSR RO267) and redistribute the logs to provide for instream structures in stream segments where it is found to be lacking within the Upper and Middle Smith River Watersheds. The logs would be stockpiled for current or future stream restoration projects. They are primarily targeted for stream segments with adjacent forests 0 - 30 years of age.

FY 2003 Commercial Thinning Timber Sales

Description: Analysis and design of two commercial thinnings. The two thinnings would be sold separately, but have one environmental assessment (EA) document; Copeland Divide, (Commercial Thinning) Sec. 3, T. 22 S., R. 6 W., W.M.; Sec. 31, T. 21 S., R. 4 W. W.M.; Sec. 7, T. 22 S., R. 4 W. W.M.; and Boyd Howdy (Density Management/Commercial Thinning) Secs. 11, 13, 15, 21, 23, 25 & 27, T. 25 S., R. 2 W., W.M.; Secs. 29 & 30, T. 25 S., R.1W., W.M..

Location: GFMA, Connectivity, and Riparian Reserve.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Completed.

Public Review: Expected August 2003. **Decision Dates**: To be announced.

Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan

Description: This EA analyzes a variety of potential and continuing projects throughout the watershed. Treatment of forests for fish, wildlife and commercial objectives; treatment or decommissioning of roads; and instream and aquatic enhancement are a few of the types of projects analyzed in this EA.

Location: GFMA, Connectivity, LSR, and Riparian Reserve.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Completed.

Public Review: Extended until September 1, 2003 (except decision noted below).

Decision Dates: Multiple Decisions; to be announced. July 17, 2003 Rader-Hubbard Stream

Crossing Upgrade (replaces three fish passage stream crossing culverts)

FY 2002 Commercial Thinning Timber Sales

Description: Analyze and design four separate commercial thinnings. The four thinnings would be analyzed in two separate environmental assessment (EA) documents; West Side (Hayhurst and Cat Tracks), Sec. 3, T. 22 S., R. 6 W., W.M.; Sec. 31, T. 21 S., R. 4 W. W.M.; Sec. 7, T. 22 S., R. 4 W. W.M.; and East Side (Relativity and East Fork) Secs. 11, 13, 15, 21, 23, 25 & 27, T. 25 S., R. 2 W., W.M.; Secs. 29 & 30, T. 25 S., R.1W., W.M.

Location: Swiftwater Resource Area; GFMA, Connectivity, LSR, and Riparian Reserve.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Westside EA completed. East Side EA completed.

Public Review: Westside: Completed.

Eastside: Completed.

Decision Dates: Westside: Completed

Eastside: March 20, 2003 (Relativity) July 9, 2003 (East Fork)

Deferred Analyses

The following projects are not presently considered action items. Further work on the environmental assessments has been deferred. At such time as analysis is resumed, it will be noted in the Planning Update.

South River Field Office

North Myrtle Timber Sales

Swiftwater Field Office

Shingle Lane Regen & Commercial Thinning Watson Mountain Powell Creek Pipeline What-a-Gas Green Thunder Bear Hill

Other Assessments

South River Aquatic Restoration Assessment

This is an ongoing planning effort to consolidate all information from data sources, inventories, watershed analysis, etc. This consolidated information would then allow the South River Field Office to define a process to plan future restoration activities. Completion is anticipated in the summer of 2003.

Forest Hazard Risk Assessment

This assessment, for all lands within the South River Resource Area, is intended to identify risks such as fire, insects and disease on a landscape scale. It will also propose locations and potential treatments to address these risks. The assessment is not a project analysis from which any decisions will be generated. Any proposed forest health or hazard-reduction treatments will require an assessment of environmental consequences and preparation of the appropriate level of documentation by a separate interdisciplinary team. The document is presently in final "Draft" for management review.

Watershed Analysis Status

South River Field Office

All watershed analyses are currently completed. No revisions of previous analyses are scheduled at this time. Work on water quality restoration plans is continuing.

Swiftwater Aquatic Restoration Assessment and Planning Effort (SARAPE)

This is an ongoing planning effort to consolidate all information from data sources, inventories, watershed analysis, etc. This consolidated information would then allow the Swiftwater Field Office to identify problem areas to focus future restoration activities. Completion is anticipated by October 2003.

All watershed analyses are currently completed. No revisions of previous analyses are scheduled at this time

Upcoming Events

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY, SEPT. 20

On Saturday, September 20th, the Bureau of Land Management's Roseburg District will participate in the 10th Annual National Public Lands Day (NPLD). This nationwide event is a day when community-minded individuals, families, and groups of all ages volunteer to help upgrade America's public lands. "It's a day to help restore, beautify, and improve the wild lands and recreation areas that make up America's playground," said Bill O'Sullivan, a BLM project coordinator for the event.

Within Douglas County, the BLM will be involved with various volunteer projects this year. Two of the projects will be staged at the Lone Pine and Island Creek recreation sites. The BLM will also partner with the Umpqua River Cleanup Committee to clean up various stream segments around the County as part of the 20th Annual Umpqua Basin River Cleanup Day.

The Lone Pine Campground project will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lone Pine Recreation Site located about 25 miles from Roseburg, up the NorthUmpqua River to Rock Creek Road. The group reservation campground is being constructed under contract this summer. Before BLM can open it, several finishing touches will need to be made, including distributing soil and mulch, spreading gravel on pathways, placing rocks and split rail fences as barriers to control pedestrian traffic, constructing picnic tables, installing signs and visitor information boards, distributing fire rings/ grills, and planting vegetation. An estimated 50-75 volunteers are needed to complete the project. "If you're available, there's no reason not to sign up. We have a job for everyone," said Bill O'Sullivan one of BLM's project planners. To help with this project, contact O'Sullivan at (541) 440-4930.

The **Island Creek project** will be held at the Island Creek Recreation Site located about 10 miles west of Riddle along the Cow Creek Backcountry Byway. Volunteers will accomplish site reclamation, litter cleanup, and noxious weed control. Educational presentations will also be made by BLM specialists about plants and weeds in the area. "We are hoping to have some organized youth groups sign up to assist us there," said Jeanne Standley, BLM weed coordinator, "but we also encourage others to call and stop by, 'roll up their sleeves' and lend a hand from **9 a.m.** to **1 p.m.**" To help with this project, call Jeanne Standley at (541) 440-4930.

The third project, coordinated by the Umpqua River Cleanup Committee, is the **20**th **Annual Umpqua River Cleanup** along numerous stream reaches throughout the County. This project coordinates the cleanup of about 10 stream or river segments in the Umpqua Basin. Conducted late in summer when stream flows are low, volunteers adopt a river segment and pick up litter that has been deposited along Douglas County's waterways. Some trails are also being targeted for cleanup this year, and volunteers can pick what areas they would like to work in. To help with river cleanup and be put in touch with a stream reach coordinator, call Bob Hoehne at (541) 679-7077 or Joe Ross at the BLM at (541) 440-4930.

"Many of the projects would not be completed without the aid of dedicated volunteers who turn out on National Public Lands Day," added Joe Ross, BLM's Roseburg District Volunteer Cooridnator. "Volunteers are among our most respected and valued resources. They pitch in and help whenever and wherever there's a need. They bring enthusiasm and experience to the jobs.

Volunteers are often inspirational role models who demonstrate that citizens can make a difference "

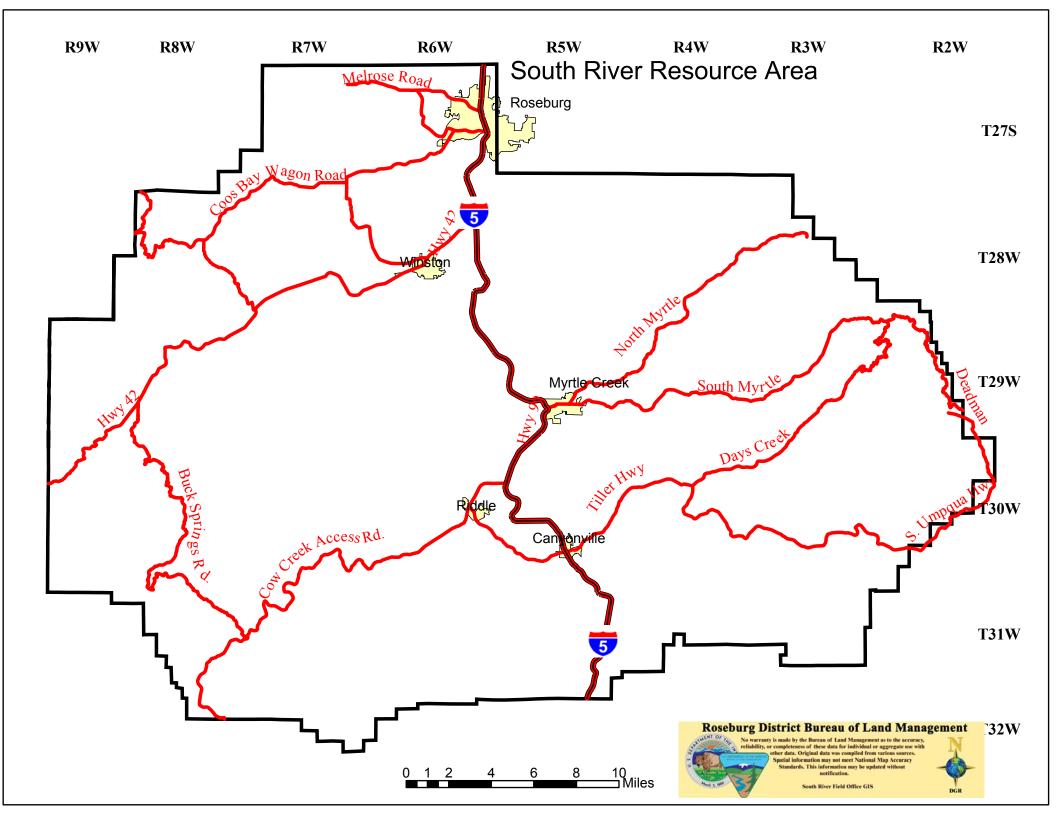
Past NPLD events in Douglas County have attracted many volunteers and accomplished projects throughout the County valued at over \$600,000. As a result of the successful projects in 2000, Governor John Kitzhaber subsequently awarded the BLM's Roseburg District with a SOLV Cup Award for "Best Partnership Development."

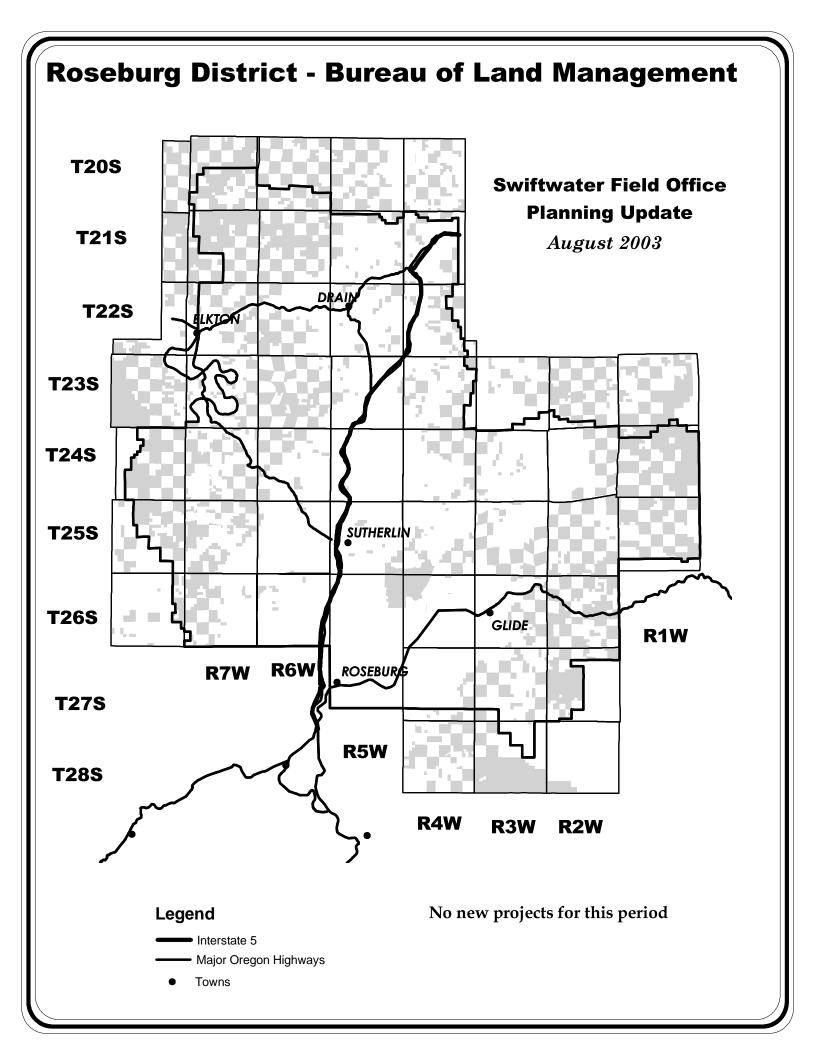
At the project sites, T-shirts and lunches will be provided for the volunteers. Any tools, safety equipment, or materials needed for the projects will be furnished by the BLM.

Within Douglas County, the statewide conservation organization, SOLV, has signed on as a partner to support NPLD. SOLV's mission is to build community through volunteer action to preserve this treasure called Oregon. They provide grants and materials to support Douglas County's cleanup, beautification and enhancement projects.

On National Public Lands Day throughout the Nation, there will be about 500 sites participating in all 50 states. Nearly 70,000 volunteers will lend a hand for public lands. Nationally sponsored by Toyota, there are many federal, state and local partners working together for the success of NPLD. Last year, nearly \$8 million of volunteer project work was accomplished. More info is available on-line at http://www.npld.com. In the U.S., National Public Lands Day is coordinated by the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation (NEETF).







Abbreviations and Definitions

B - Biological Opinion.

CF - Cubic feet.

CCF - Hundred cubic feet.

CX or Categorical Exclusion - Actions which do not have significant effects on the environment and for which an Environmental Analysis (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

EA - Environmental Assessment – This is a concise public document that briefly provides evidence and analysis of a proposed Federal action. It is used to determine whether further analysis needs to be done for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

IDT - Interdisciplinary Team - A team is a group of resource specialists, whose participation is determined by the issues relating to the project proposal, and who conduct environmental analysis.

LSR – **Late-Successional Reserves** - One of the seven Federal land designations set forth in the Northwest Forest Plan. These reserves will maintain a functional, interactive, late-successional and oldgrowth forest ecosystem. Approximately 81% of the Roseburg District BLM is reserve.

Matrix Lands - One of the seven Federal land designations set forth in the Northwest Forest Plan. Most timber harvest contributing to the Allowable Sale Quantity takes place in this area. Approximately 19% of the Roseburg District BLM is matrix.

MBF - Thousand board feet.

MMBF - Million board feet.

NEPA - National Environmental Policy Act - A federal law which sets the systematic interdisciplinary analysis to achieve integrated consideration of physical, biological, economic, and other sciences to provide for an informed decision. The process provides for public participation in the development, review and revision of certain activities on Federal Lands.

NWFP - Northwest Forest Plan - A common name for the Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (April 1994). It is also used to refer to the Standards and Guidelines for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species with the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl which accompanies the Record of Decision.

O&C Lands - Revested Oregon and California Railroad Lands.

Resource Management Plan (RMP) - A land use plan prepared by the BLM in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA).

Scoping - An early and open part of environmental analysis that allows interested public and other Federal, state and local agencies the opportunity to provide issues, concerns and opportunities relative to proposed project actions. Scoping is required by regulation for Environmental Impact Statements.